

December 17, 2015

Hilda L. Solis, Chair Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Via Fax: (213) 613-1739

RE:

Los Angeles County Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance – **NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Supervisor Solis:

The City of Compton supports the drafting and adoption of Los Angeles County's Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance.

The passage of this ordinance would ensure that manufacturers and producers of prescription and nonprescription drugs and sharps share in the responsibility of proper disposal of their products. Our City supports this shared responsibility approach as the costs of managing these materials at the end of their life should not solely come from local jurisdictions.

We understand the County has conducted multiple stakeholder meetings which included representatives from the manufacturers and producers of these materials, retailers, pharmacies, consumer advocacy groups, environmental organizations, waste hauling industry, and others in order to develop the most effective ordinance.

Following adoption of the ordinance by the Board, the City of Compton is very interested in adopting a resolution to adopt this ordinance so that our residents also have access to safe, convenient, and sustainably-financed collection and disposal methods of pharmaceuticals and sharps.

Sincerely,

Aja Brown, Mayor City of Compton

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